

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WEST DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WEST DOWN PARISH HALL ON 6th JUNE 2018

Present: Cllr C King (Chairman), DCllr M Wilkinson, Cllrs S Ayre, R Drew, F Hookway, K Oades, S Squire and R Watts.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30pm with apologies from CCllr A Davis and PCSO P Grantham.

3787. Police Report.

- a. Warning given by the police, reminding dog owners not to leave dogs in hot cars. If police officers have concerns regarding hot distressed dogs in cars, they will break the glass.
- b. Crimes: 1 theft of a caravan removed from outside a property.

3788. Minutes of the last Meeting.

- a. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed.
- b. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were approved and signed.

3789. Matters Arising.

- a. 3775b. Cllr Squire was not happy with the police response regarding the vehicles parking opposite the junction by the village hall.
- b. 3777a. Still waiting to find out who owns the picnic site.
- c. 3777b. The Planning Department have requested further details for the Air Ambulance landing light. The application has been given 21 days to be corrected or it will be rejected. DCllr Wilkinson agreed to liaise with the Planning Department on this matter.
- d. 3778d. Diversion signs have been put up at the entrance of Stang Lane by Foxhunters directing all construction vehicles heading to Acorn building site to enter the village from Dean Cross.
- e. 3783a. Planning permission altered, preventing construction vehicles using Stang Lane.
- f. 3782c. No application received from NDC for this approved decision.
- g. 3786a. Mr Barry Scobling has shown spraying certificates and his quote for 2 sprays of the Giant Hogweed per season at the cost of £135 was agreed. It was agreed to pay for the first spray and apply for a DCllr Grant for the second spray.
- h. 3786b. The Chair agreed to draft a letter regarding the Pearl Dean building site and the infringements being carried out against their Planning Application.

3790. CCllr Report. CCllr Davis sent a written report on the following:

- a. DCC bid for funding to improve A361 was successful.
- b. County Council's budget.

3791. DCllr Report. DCllr Wilkinson reported on the following:

- a. The number of employees in the Planning Department is currently at a low due to movement and changes in personnel. This is likely to affect the current workings of the department.
- b. There is a new Grant system 'Communities Together Fund (CTF)' coming in to replace the current TAP Fund. The CTF will aim to encourage communities to work together; identifying new ideas for their mutual benefit. Applications would have to be with neighbouring Parishes to find mutual issues or projects and provide two letters of support. Cllr Oades suggested goal posts for the Green Field. The field currently benefits the school children (whom come from neighbouring parishes as well as West Down).
- c. The Boundary Commission recommendations have been approved and as of April 2019 the DCllr boundaries will be changing with just 1 DCllr representing Morteheo, Woolacombe and West Down.
- d. Kirsten Johnson will be the next Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate replacing Nick Harvey.

3792. Footpaths.

- a. FP5 overgrown and stiles need clearing. Landowner to be notified.

3793. Village Maintenance.

- a. Cllr Ayre discussed the possibility of another 'self help village clean-up'. Agenda for next meeting.

3794. Planning Decisions. The following application has been approved:

- a. 59748 – Development of childrens' play area, West Down Community Field.

3795. Planning Applications.

- a. 64125 - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 60385 (erection of 17 dwellings) to enable amended design & layout to plots 11 & 12 - land adjacent to Pearl Dean. Cllrs Ayre, Hookway, Oades and Squire declared an interest. – Unanimous approval.
- b. 64972 - Raising of roof and conversion of store to form one dwelling – London House. - Unanimous approval

3796. Correspondence.

- a. Cllr Ayre - Receipt for Air Ambulance application.
- b. WDPHMC – Letter of thanks for £250 being 50% annual grant.
- c. DCC – Library services.
- d. Clerks & Councils Direct - May issue.
- e. Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of N. Devon, Final Recommendations.

3797. Finance.

a. Bank Statements

(1) West Down Parish Council wef 31st May £5794.58 reconciled to
£5093.21 (unpresented cheques).

(2) 30 Day Notice Account wef 31st May £5802.02

b. Petty Cash expenditure since last meeting - £nil.

c. Cheques -

(1) Cheque No 561 to Community First Trading - annual insurance - £339.13

(2) Cheque No 562 to Get Mapping – Annual subscription - £18.00

(3) Cheque No 563 to Julie Snooks – Internal Audit - £200.00

d. Review Annual Insurance. The Community First Insurance Policy was reviewed and agreed.

e. Annual Audit, The Internal Audit was returned with no comments. The Chair thanked the Clerk for his work regarding the audit.

3798. Any Other Business.

a. Cllr Hookway asked if there had been any response about the temporary parking and storage of the Pearl Dean building site at Parish Hall. Cllr Oades replied.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm